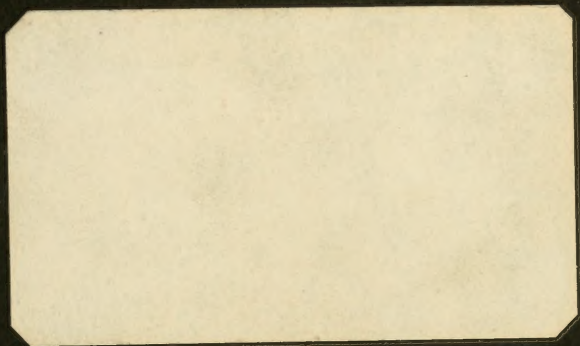


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Sandalphon, Angel of
glory and
of prayer;
With radiant wings
and tender
outstretched hands,
Before the Golden
Gates
in patience stands.






To him, with purple garlands,
through the air,
Through silver hosts of seraphs,
bearing far
Their fragrant burdens
from the Sorrowful Star.



These are the prayers
of saints,
-upgathered all
By guardian spirits
through Earth's
-weary Lents,
Bedewed with tears,
-purpled with
-penitence.

Yet never
bud nor blossom
there so small,
But hath its
special place in
that vast sheaf
The which Sandalphon
carries, flower
and leaf



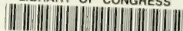


Into the very Presence of the King,
What time the Easter bells
their gospel ring.

Not one so small
but in the Heart of Christ
It hath its fragrance
and its worth unpriced.

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